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Director Ron Jones  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
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RE: Workshop to Gather Information from the Telecommunications  
Industry Related to Preventing Violations to Tenn. Code Ann. §  
65-21-114, Docket No. 03-00502  
Sprint's Comments Regarding Workshop

Dear Director Jones:

Sprint appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Workshop conducted November 7, 2003 to gather information from the telecommunications industry related to the prevention of violations to T.C.A. § 65-21-114 (County-wide Calling). Certainly the issues and concerns regarding the provision of County-wide Calling were identified and discussed by the various industry members during this workshop.

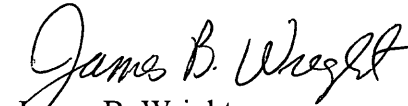
In response to your request for possible solutions to the issues raised in the workshop, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc, and Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") offer the following comments. It is Sprint's position that the TAR Code Database could fully meet the needs of carriers regarding the provision of County-wide Calling if all carriers participate in the established procedure for this statewide database.

As a way in which some carriers' using a geo-code methodology could participate in the TAR Code Database, Sprint would support consideration of the solution offered by the representative from Millington Telephone Company, Inc. This recommendation, which was specific to situations where the local calling area is equal to the county boundary (either by tariff or through use of the geo-code methodology), was to provide one-time or as-needed updates to the TAR Code Database to minimize the cost of participation by these providers.

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Should you have questions, please contact Laura Sykora (919-554-7323) or Kaye Odum (919-554-5277).

Sincerely,

  
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